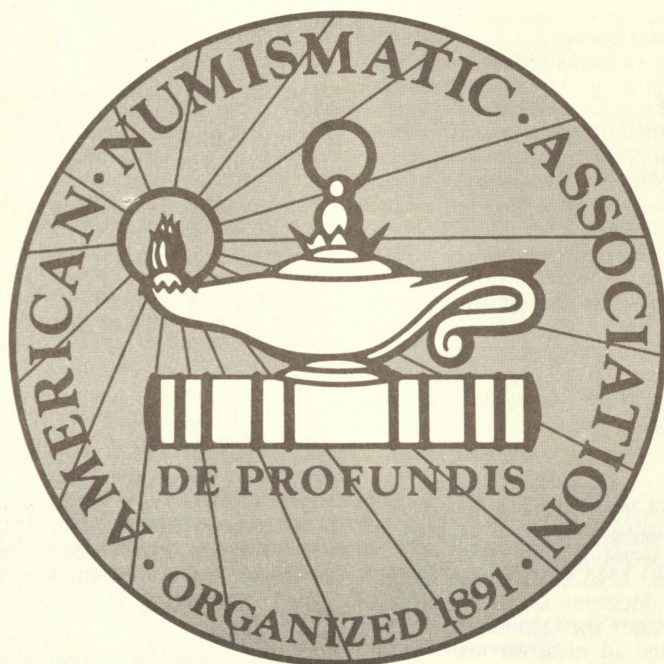

MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES



Advantages of ANA Membership

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The advantages of ANA membership are numerous and quite often one is at a loss to recall many of them. In 1967 former President Matt H. Rothert compiled a list of the programs then in effect. In 1972 the writer prepared for the district representatives a summary that also included the many programs adopted since 1967. For this listing, programs adopted since 1972 have been added. Although the summary may appear rather elementary, it will serve to familiarize new members with ANA programs and provide information needed by potential members.

1. Official Publication

The Numismatist, published monthly since 1888, is included in the membership dues. It is well-edited, fully-illustrated and considered to be the outstanding publication exclusively devoted to all phases of numismatics. Issues now average 288 pages. Advertising is accepted from members only, who must agree to abide by a very strict Code of Ethics.

2. Annual Conventions

Conventions are held annually, usually in February and August, and include a large bourse room bringing together the world's most noted professional numismatists from the United States and other countries, competitive and non-competitive exhibits, educational programs, the ANA banquet, a club representatives breakfast, spouses and junior members activities, a several-session auction, meetings and social affairs of member specialty organizations (involving tokens, medals, paper money, etc.), excursions and various forms of entertainment of interest in the locality. In particular, conventions afford the opportunity of visiting with old friends and meeting new ones.

3. Museum

The museum areas include extensive and ever-growing collections of coins, medals, tokens and paper money housed and displayed in the ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs. Members are most welcome to enjoy and study the exhibits on display and to examine all museum material for research purposes.

4. Library

ANA maintains the largest circulating numismatic library in the world, consisting of approximately 10,000 books in addition to more than 20,000 periodicals and auction catalogs. Books and other library items are loaned to members without charge other than postage and insurance.

5. Library Catalogs

The library catalog, consisting of more than 800 pages, is a listing of the books, magazines and auction catalogs available for members to borrow from the library. More than a catalog of holdings, the author and subject indexes make this extensive list a useful reference bibliography for books on all aspects of numismatics. It is available to members at a minimal cost.

6. Copying Service

An important service of the ANA library is furnishing reproduced copies, within copyright limitations, of pages of books and periodicals on its shelves. These may be obtained by mail or in person at the library, at 15¢ per page.

7. Affiliation with Other Numismatists

Membership in the ANA affords an individual the opportunity to be associated with some of the numismatic hobby's most prestigious personalities. Members of the ANA may directly contact other members at conventions, through the pages of *The Numismatist* in some cases, and by having letters forwarded to individuals. The Association does not furnish members' addresses that are published, such as dealers who advertise.

8. Credit Advantage

Although ANA in no way guarantees the credit of its members, an ANA dealer or member will usually extend credit or send coins on approval to one who supplies his ANA membership number.

9. Reprints

ANA provides its members at nominal cost with paperback reference works consisting, for the most part, of articles that appeared in serialized form in *The Numismatist* over the years. The reprints sell at prices ranging from 25¢ to \$2 each, postpaid. The current list includes sixty titles covering many major topics of numismatics. ANA has available for purchase back issues of *The Numismatist*, *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine*, *World Coins* and some other publications.

10. Free Booklets for New Members

Each new member receives without charge a copy of *Introduction to Numismatics* and *Dictionary of Numismatic Terms*.

11. Audio-Visual Educational Program

ANA loans 35mm slide sets and 16mm sound movies on various aspects of numismatics for use at member club meetings. There are currently about 50 slide sets available.

12. Additional Club Services

The Association, through its club and district representatives and in other ways, is always available to render assistance to member clubs in their programs and activities. ANA has adopted an award program in the form of a certificate furnished to member clubs without charge for speakers and exhibitors at club meetings. Past president medals and ribbons for coin show awards are provided at approximate cost.

13. Complaints Procedure

Any member who has evidence of any improper conduct on the part of another member (such as dishonesty, counterfeiting, overgrading, slander, misrepresentation or other improper or illegal activities) may make a complaint to ANA. Any matters not resolved by the executive vice president will be presented to the board, which will expel or suspend the guilty member or take other disciplinary action against him if warranted by the evidence. Although the ANA does not act as a collection agency, the filing of a justified complaint usually results in obtaining prompt satisfaction from the accused member. A member also has the opportunity to file objections to membership applications.

14. Code of Ethics

The Association has a Code of Ethics binding on each member and outlining principles of moral conduct that collectors and dealers are required to follow. A breach of the Code is considered cause for disciplinary action by the board of governors.

15. ANACS

In its headquarters ANA maintains the American Numismatic Association Certification Service to which coins may be submitted for an expert determination as to their authenticity. Certificates of authentication are issued. This service is made available at nominal cost as an aid to combating counterfeiting of numismatic items.

16. Photographic Service

ANA, with its own photographic facilities, can provide photos for research, display or other educational uses of items submitted for

certification. Photos may be of the complete item or of enlarged portions photographed through a microscope.

17. Grading Service

In connection with ANACS, a grading service, limited at present to regular issue U.S. coins, is available. Only coins that have been certified as authentic are graded.

18. Counterfeiting, Overgrading, Coin Processing and Reproductions

Thanks to the support of its membership, ANA is concentrating on a fight against the above evils through ANACS, the complaints procedure, the endorsement of worthwhile legislation and enforcement of stringent bylaw provisions by way of expulsion or suspension of guilty parties. ANA officials are on the alert to report any issuance of replicas contrary to the provisions of the Hobby Protection Act.

19. Reward Program

Rewards up to \$5,000 each are paid by ANA to those furnishing information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for robberies, thefts or deaths in connection with crimes committed against ANA members.

20. Government Representation

ANA endorses legislation beneficial to the numismatic fraternity. Officers of ANA contact representatives of the Treasury Department, members of Congress and various Federal, state and local officials for the benefit of the hobby and science of numismatics.

21. Young Numismatists Program

Special activities are provided for members under eighteen years of age at the annual ANA convention. Exhibit, literary and other incentive awards are given. A correspondence course for young numismatists is in operation.

22. Roman Coin Project

This program, conducted through *The Numismatist*, awards genuine ancient coins to juniors who complete prescribed numismatic activities.

23. Comprehensive Numismatic Insurance Plan

Members may purchase comprehensive theft, fire and extended coverage insurance for their collections, tailored to suit individual requirements, with premiums scaled according to both value and safeguards taken to prevent losses.

24. Hospital Money Plan

This program affords low cost supplemental hospitalization insurance for the members.

25. Life Insurance Plan

This plan provides low cost, group term life insurance to members under age 55 who have been working full-time for the previous 90 days and who have not been hospitalized during the prior six months. Except for those qualifications, the policy will be given regardless of the member's past health history or present physical condition.

26. Coin Club Liability Insurance Plan

This insurance protects a club with respect to liability for bodily injury, property damage, defamation of character, false arrest and similar occurrences in connection with coin club shows and other activities.

27. Seminar

ANA conducts numismatic educational seminars in Colorado Springs and at other locations each summer, providing excellent instructors and furnishing food and lodging at a very nominal expense.

28. Judges' Familiarization and Certification Program

This program, held during each ANA Convention, is intended to establish a nationwide body of fully-trained and competent certified judges for the annual ANA convention and to make such judges available for regional, state and local conventions.

29. National Coin Week

ANA sponsors an annual National Coin Week, designed to promote numismatics. Individual numismatists and numismatic clubs participate in all areas.

30. Numismatic Hall of Fame

This program, which recognizes outstanding numismatists, whether members or not, is conducted by the ANA exclusively.

31. Membership Awards

Silver and gold medals are presented to members who have respectively completed 25 and 50 consecutive years of membership.

32. Farran Zerbe Award

This award is presented at the annual convention to a member in recognition of distinguished service and is regarded as the highest honor bestowed by ANA.

33. Medal of Merit

These beautiful silver medals are presented at the annual convention to persons rendering outstanding services to ANA and the science of numismatics.

34. Heath Literary Awards

Each year all articles published in *The Numismatist* are judged on their merits by an impartial committee, which selects the winners of first, second and third awards (cash and medals) and announces at least five honorable mentions.

35. Wayte Raymond Literary Award

Cash awards are made each year for the best and second best articles published in *The Numismatist* on United States Numismatic subjects, as judged by an impartial committee.

36. Exhibit Awards

Members are afforded the opportunity to exhibit their numismatic material at the annual convention and to compete for handsome first, second and third place awards in at least 20 categories. Special awards are made for the exhibits chosen adult and junior Best-of-Show. Medals are also given to every exhibitor who does not receive an award.

37. Additional Awards

Other awards made during the ANA convention include Outstanding Club Publication and the Art Award for Excellence in Numismatic Sculpture. Awards are also given to members who have recruited the largest number of new members in the past year.

38. Medals, Collectibles and Miscellaneous.

Low-priced silver and bronze membership medals, buttons indicating years of membership, jewelry, and other items bearing the ANA seal or otherwise identified with ANA are available to the members.

For further information on any of these advantages please write:

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